



PUBLIC NOTICE

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REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Dear Citizens of Valdez,

The City Clerk's office goal is to provide every opportunity for voters to safely cast their ballot in the upcoming Regular Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, I will be exercising the emergency powers of the City Clerk, and declining to open two of the three precincts on May 5th. Precinct #1, located at the Valdez Recreation Center (Teen Center) and Precinct #3, located at the Robe River Fire Station, will be closed for this election.

PRECINCT #2 LOCATED AT THE VALDEZ CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL BE OPEN TO ALL VOTERS ON ELECTION DAY FROM 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM.

Precinct #2 will operate as a general voting center for all registered voters. For the safety of voters and our election officials the following practices will be strictly enforced:

- Social distancing. No more than 4 voters will enter the facility at one time and shall remain at least six feet apart.
- Voters are encouraged to wear face masks or face coverings
- Safe issuance and exchange of voting materials. Election officials will give each voter an "I Voted" pen to sign the register and vote their ballots.

Election workers will follow CDC guidelines established for election centers, which require that voting booths be sanitized after each use.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee voting by mail, fax, or email is strongly encouraged. PLEASE SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. The ballot request form is available on the election website www.valdezak.gov/133/Elections or you may request a form by email to kcarr@valdezak.gov. Your ballot must be returned to the city clerk's office no later than 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 5th.

Voting in person at City Hall is now available Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm through Monday, May 4, 2020. Voters who cast an absentee ballot at city hall must adhere to social distancing requirements and follow safe voting instructions at the front counter.

The City Clerk's Office and Valdez Election Officials thank our community and encourage voters to "Stay Safe and Vote at Home".

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